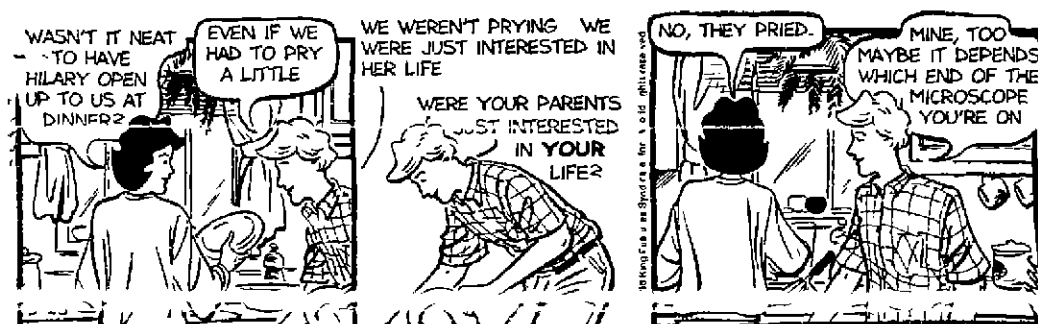


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



CHICKWEED LANE



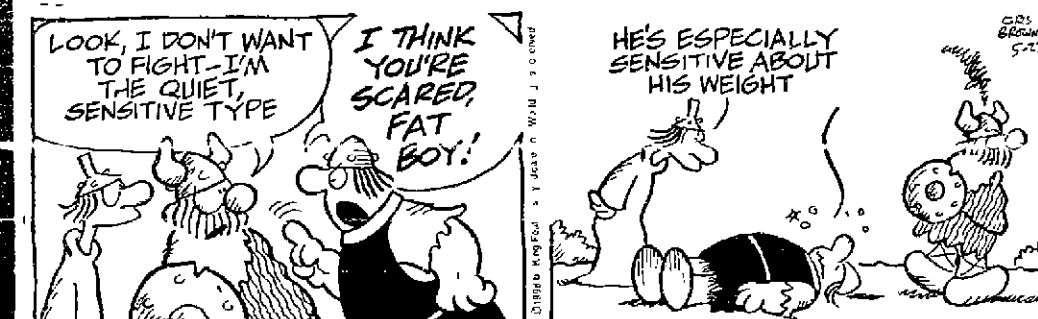
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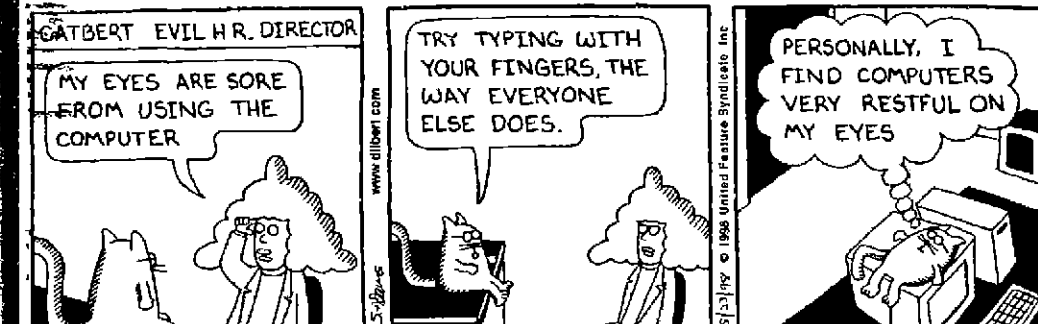
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



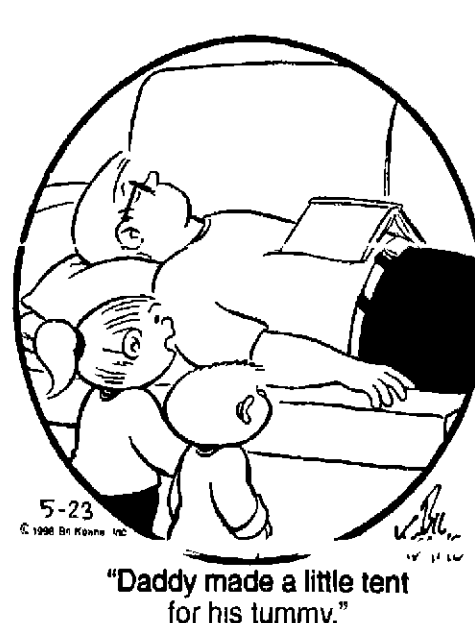
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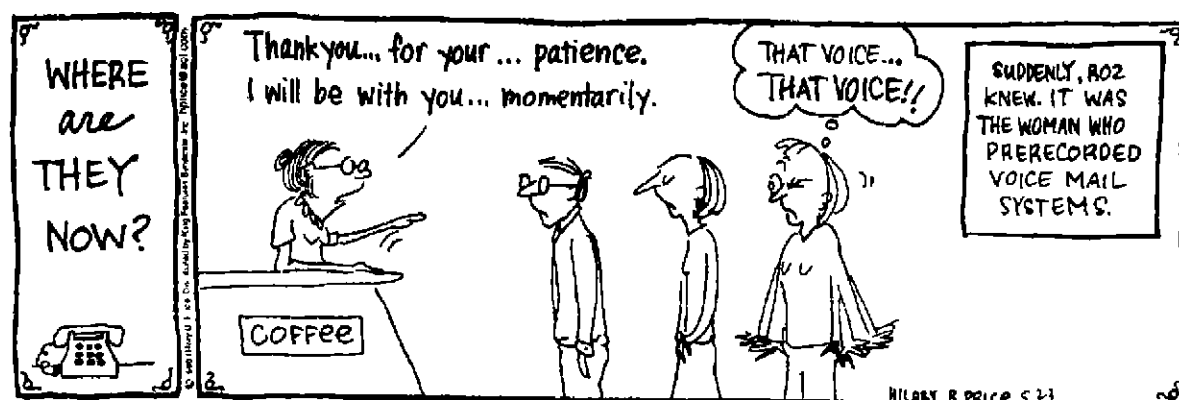
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

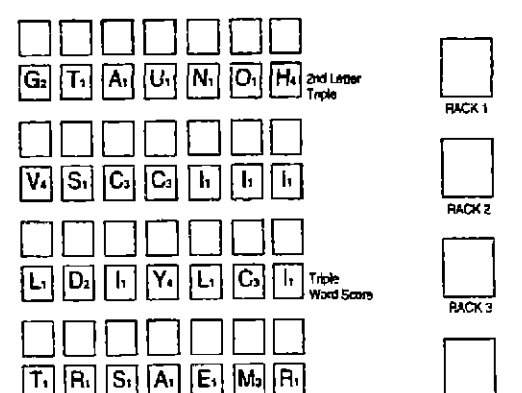
Bandleader Artie Shaw is 88. Singer Rosemary Clooney is 70. Actress Joan Collins is 65. *Phantom of the Opera* singer General Johnson (Chairman of the Board) is 55. Actress Lauren Chaplin is 53. Boxer Marvin Hagler is 46. Actor-comedian Drew Carey is 40. Country singer Shelley West is 40. Actor Linden Ashby ("Melrose Place") is 38. Rock musician Phil Seltway (Radiohead) is 31. Singer Jewel is 24.

I NEED HELP



The Kelly Girl Murders

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 145-155
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Award(s)

PEOLJGTLDAXVSPN
KIVFCAPHAXVSQOL
JHEOCARSGUXVTRP
NCLJLHEAFINDDCB
YXIVYGECTRNNYP
OMKMINDGEDBBAYZ
XWMPBOLGNEDLOG
UEIDVDMROQONTUY
LJOYMMARGGIGUNF
FODCLAICEPSAOGY
WXWVYMEDACATTSR

Friday's unlisted clue: GAFFER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: ANNUAL TV AWARDS

Academy	Cy Young	Golden Globe	Special
Freedom	Fred Astaire	Grammy	Tony
Annual	Fulbright	MVP	Wooden
Cash	Gold Glove	Outland	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, May 24, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Leisure activities and family time rule the day. It's a wonderful time for barbecues, picnics and the like.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A short pleasure jaunt is enjoyable. However, a grumpy family member could dampen everyone's mood.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend gives you an unexpected call for help. However, try to minimize your involvement.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're in a generous, sociable mood. Those around you enjoy your largesse.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Because your schedule is basically clear, you can continue to pursue leisure interests. Evening hours are pleasant and quiet.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Things have calmed down considerably. Take advantage of the quiet time, and enjoy a pleasurable outing with the family.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're tired of hearing a close tie's excuses. Once and for all, tell him or her to stop complaining and take some action.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your mood has improved, and you're ready for some happy, socializing. Friends' calls, around you and provide a nice diversion.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Although you should feel free to express yourself, doing so in anger would be counterproductive.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) In general, it's a satisfying time for you and your family. Everyone seems to be on the same wavelength.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You take full advantage of your leisure time. However, try not to plan too many social activities back to back.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You might start the day feeling a bit under the weather. Rest is just what you need.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Players who expect their finesses to lose have an excellent chance to make today's game. Those who cannot resist the temptation of trying to win a finesse lose the game. And to add insult, they lose the game even though the finesse wins! South covered West's diamond jack in dummy in the doubtful hope that West had led from the K-J-10. Suspensions confirmed East's king covered, and South won his ace. Focusing only on the possibility of winning a club finesse, South crossed to dummy's trump king and led an enticing club queen. East refused to cover, and South finessed to win the trick. It proved a Pyrrhic victory; he won the finesse, but the price was high. Although South eliminated a club loser, in exchange he lost two spades. Two spade losers, added to a trump and a diamond, sent the game one down. To make his game, South should reject the club finesse. After winning his diamond ace, South should cash two top trumps and the club ace, then lead the jack of clubs. South overtakes with dummy's queen and East is stuck. If East wins, South enjoys two spade discards on dummy's clubs. And if East ducks, South merely continues the suit. Whether South opts to ruff East's king or to discard a spade doesn't matter; he still holds his losses to only three tricks. Winning a finesse should not always be the ultimate goal. Sometimes conceding an early trick for two later ones can be an excellent trade.

NORTH
♠ A 10 6
♥ K 6
♦ Q 6 3
♣ Q 10 9 8

EAST
♠ K Q 9 5
♥ 4 2
♦ K 8 7 2
♣ K 6 3

SOUTH
♠ 7 4 2
♥ A 10 8 7 5
♦ A 4
♣ A J

Vulnerable: East West
Dealer: South

The bidding			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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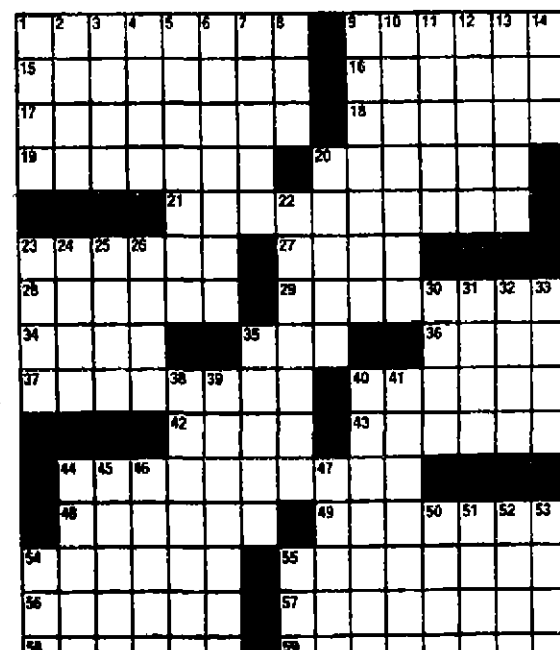
- 1 Site near Mt. Everest
- 9 Like Mt. Everest or a lizard
- 15 Numbers person?
- 16 — de Balzac
- 17 U.S. President's command
- 18 Once-popular computers
- 19 Area of European concern
- 20 Curly corn chips
- 21 Crewel's container
- 23 Welcomes, as a caller
- 27 Feeling
- 28 Prepare more rounds
- 29 Deludes
- 34 Crawl (with)
- 35 Roll (up)
- 36 Launched
- 37 Piece of boxing equipment
- 40 Wilde's Gray
- 42 Initiation, e.g.
- 43 Like Nebraska
- 44 It may give you a song and dance
- 46 Echo and others
- 48 Rolls up
- 54 1040 data
- 55 Exhaust
- 56 Bobby soxer
- 57 Plant also known as orange hawkweed
- 58 Doctor's —
- 59 Trains may use them

DOWN

- 1 Lay an egg
- 2 City near which Robert Louis Stevenson is buried
- 3 Purvey
- 4 Tenor in "The Flying Dutchman"
- 5 Sicily's second-largest city
- 6 Finished
- 7 Kind of signals
- 8 Lever
- 9 Liberal ones
- 10 Burlesque
- 11 Professor Hill
- 12 Advertising features
- 13 Clear, in a way
- 14 — Lacs National Wildlife Refuge
- 20 Not fixed
- 21 Subject of some jury deliberations
- 23 Fine things
- 24 Trickle
- 25 Bauhaus artist
- 26 A bit
- 27 — of — of Salisbury
- 31 The Kara Sea is on its north

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STAGEFRIGHT LOS
POLEVALTER NOT
INOLENGUARY AGE
TYPE TDS CODDLE
SUEY TUNED IN
ATTEND POLEMIC
FARSI FETE ITEM
AKA TSARIST INA
REDD OBBIE ILOST
SEAGULL ATONES
PLATTE OUT EPEE
HAP ONGLOUWINE
ICE FILET MIGNON
DER FREEANGEASY



Puzzle by Gerald R. Ferguson

32 One with a list
33 Smooth, in a way
36 One of the Rolling Stones
38 Impractical sort
39 School store supplies
40 — Islands, in
41 "Charge!"
44 Color modifier
46 Like meteor paths
48 Freetown money unit
47 June in Hollywood
50 Acronym on some jackets
51 Earth
52 Relative of Marx
53 "The — the limit!"
54 Name in 1995 news
56 Bit for Fido

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